
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 291E-61.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

3 "(b) For the purposes of this section:

4 (1) "Convicted three or more times for offenses of
5 operating a vehicle under the influence" means that,
6 at the time of the behavior for which the person is
7 charged under this section, the person had three or
8 more times within ten years of the instant offense:

9 ~~[(1)]~~ (A) A judgment on a verdict or a finding of guilty,
10 or a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, for a
11 violation of ~~[this section or]~~ section 291-4~~[7~~
12 ~~291-4.4.7]~~ or 291-7 as those sections were in
13 effect on December 31, 2001, or section 291E-61
14 or 707-702.5;

15 ~~[(2)]~~ (B) A judgment on a verdict or a finding of guilty,
16 or a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, for an
17 offense that is comparable to ~~[this section or]~~



1 section 291-4 [~~7-291-4.4,~~] or 291-7 as those
2 sections were in effect on December 31, 2001, or
3 section 291E-61 or 707-702.5; or
4 ~~[(3)]~~ (C) An adjudication of a minor for a law or probation
5 violation that, if committed by an adult, would
6 constitute a violation of [~~this section or~~
7 section 291-4 [~~7-291-4.4,~~] or 291-7 as those
8 sections were in effect on December 31, 2001, or
9 section 291E-61 or 707-702.5 [~~7,~~]
10 that, at the time of the instant offense, had not been
11 expunged by pardon, reversed, or set aside. All
12 convictions that have been expunged by pardon,
13 reversed, or set aside prior to the instant offense
14 shall not be deemed prior convictions for the purposes
15 of proving that the [~~person's status as~~] person is a
16 habitual operator of a vehicle while under the
17 influence of an intoxicant.
18 ~~[A person has the status of a "habitual"]~~
19 (2) "Convicted one or more times for offenses of
20 habitually operating a vehicle under the influence"
21 means that, at the time of the behavior for which the



1 person is charged under this section, the person had
2 one or more times within ten years of the instant
3 offense:

4 (A) A judgment on a verdict or a finding of guilty,
5 or a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, for a
6 violation of this section or section 291-4.4 as
7 that section was in effect on December 31, 2001;

8 (B) A judgment on a verdict or a finding of guilty,
9 or a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, for an
10 offense that is comparable to this section or
11 section 291-4.4 as that section was in effect on
12 December 31, 2001; or

13 (C) An adjudication of a minor for a law or probation
14 violation that, if committed by an adult, would
15 constitute a violation of this section or section
16 291-4.4 as that section was in effect on
17 December 31, 2001,

18 that, at the time of the instant offense, had not been
19 expunged by pardon, reversed, or set aside. All
20 convictions that have been expunged by pardon,
21 reversed, or set aside prior to the instant offense



1 shall not be deemed prior convictions for the purposes
2 of proving the person's status as a habitual operator
3 of a vehicle while under the influence of an
4 intoxicant.

5 (3) "Habitual operator of a vehicle while under the
6 influence of an intoxicant" [if] means that the person
7 [has been] :

8 (A) Was convicted three or more times [within ten
9 years of the instant offense,] for offenses of
10 operating a vehicle under the influence [of an
11 intoxicant.]; or

12 (B) Was convicted one or more times for offenses of
13 habitually operating a vehicle under the
14 influence."

15 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
16 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
17 begun before its effective date.

18 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
19 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



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1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:



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H.B. NO. 161

Report Title:

Motor Vehicle; Under the Influence; Habitual Offender

Description:

Amends the offense of habitually operating a vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant to include operating a vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant after at least one conviction within the previous ten years for habitually operating a motor vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant.

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